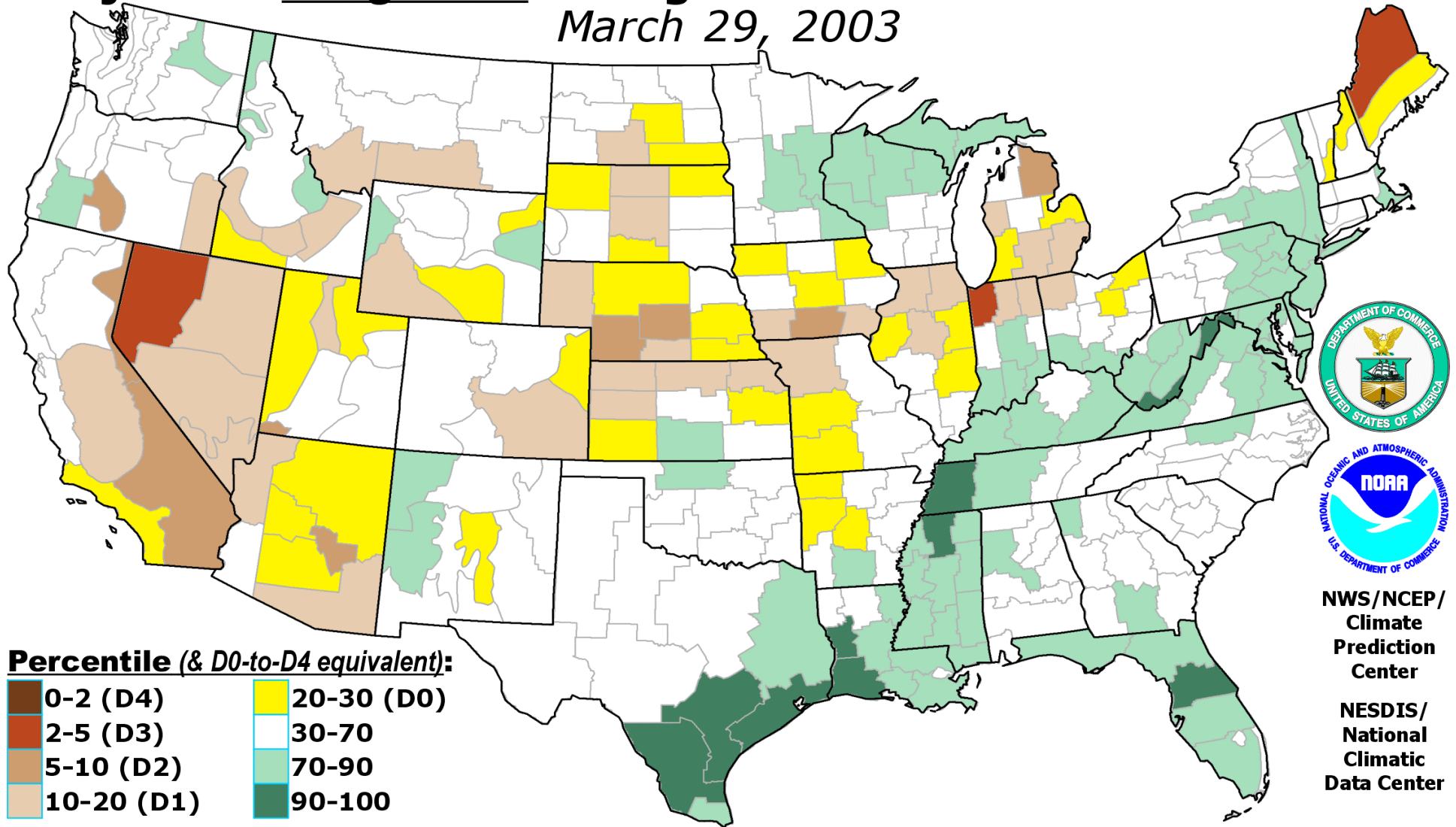


# Objective Long-Term Drought Indicator Blend Percentiles

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## INPUTS (as Percentiles):

25% Palmer Hydrologic Index  
20% 24-Month Precipitation  
20% 12-Month Precipitation  
15% 6-Month Precipitation  
10% 60-Month Precipitation  
10% CPC Soil Model

**This map approximates impacts that respond to precipitation over several months to a few years, such as reservoir content, groundwater depth, and lake levels.**

This map is based on preliminary climate division data. Local conditions and/or final data may differ. **The relationship between indicators and water supplies can vary markedly with location, season, source, and management practices.** Do not interpret this map too literally. See full product description for more details.